



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Gary W. Black, Commissioner

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JOB TITLE:	AGRICULTURE INSPECTOR 1 [FORMERLY PLANT PROTECTION FIELD AGENT TRAINEE]
POSITION NUMBER:	00052292
LOCATION:	PLANT INDUSTRY DIVISION, PLANT PROTECTION FIELD APPLICANT MUST RESIDE IN EMANUEL OR A SURROUNDING COUNTY OR BE WILLING TO RELOCATE. THIS POSITION WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE SOUTH EAST GEORGIA REGION AND MAY HAVE TO WORK IN OTHER AREAS OF THE STATE.
POSTING DATE:	FEBRUARY 24, 2016
APPLICATION DEADLINE:	OPEN UNTIL FILLED
WHO MAY APPLY:	ALL QUALIFIED APPLICANTS
PAY GRADE:	E
ENTRY SALARY:	\$2,583.33/MONTH

We at the Georgia Department of Agriculture (GDA) take our responsibilities to you very seriously and are committed to protecting and promoting Georgia's agriculture through superior service and leadership. The mission of the GDA is to protect consumers, promote agriculture, both locally and globally, and assist our customers using education, technology and a professional workforce. The vision of the GDA is to continue to be a globally recognized leader in agricultural excellence through a commitment to safety, quality, growth and innovation.

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES: *Applicant must reside in Emanuel County or a surrounding county or be willing to relocate.* The purpose of the Plant Protection Section is to promote the highest quality and integrity of plants and plant products produced by the Georgia green industry while ensuring consumer protection. In addition, we facilitate and encourage the export of numerous Georgia Grown™ commodities to many states and nations around the world through our regular inspections and phytosanitary certification programs. This position has significant responsibility inspecting special programs, including: apiary (bee) inspection; verification of compliance agreements and certification of plants, fruits, and vegetables for interstate and international export; and inspections for state and federal phytosanitary certificates as requested. This position inspects live plant growers and dealers (sod farms, nurseries, tree farms, etc.) to ensure compliance with state regulations and proper maintenance of plants. Incumbents in this job must work outdoors in varied terrain for extended periods of time. May be responsible for providing transportation to work sites. Other duties as assigned.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Agriculture Inspector 1 (Plant Protection Field Agent Trainee)—Vocational or technical degree in agriculture, horticulture, environmental science, pest control, entomology or a closely related field from an accredited college; OR completion of a high school diploma or GED and one year of experience in the area of assignment; OR two years of college which included 12 semester/20 quarter hours in chemistry or life sciences.

NOTE: If you are applying for this position based on the college credit, you must submit a copy of your **official** college transcript to the Personnel Office to help determine if you meet the qualifications for this position. Failure to submit a transcript may result in not being eligible for this specific position.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS: *Preference will be given to applicants, who, in addition to meeting the Minimum Qualifications, possess knowledge, skills and abilities in the following areas:*

- Post graduate work or degree in agriculture, horticulture, environmental science, pest control, entomology or a closely related field;
- Prior experience conducting regulatory compliance inspections and investigations with local, state or federal agency;
- Familiarity with bee keeping and plant identification; and
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite.

HOW TO APPLY: WE ACCEPT STATE APPLICATIONS BY ANY TRANSMISSION LISTED BELOW. RESUMES MAY BE SUBMITTED IN ADDITION TO THE STATE APPLICATION.

- Mail a completed State of Georgia application to Georgia Department of Agriculture, Personnel Office, Room 300, Agriculture Building, 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30334; or
- Fax a completed State of Georgia application to (404) 463-8196; or
- Via Team Georgia Careers <http://team.georgia.gov/careers/>; or
- E-mail a completed State of Georgia application to GDAPersonnel@agr.georgia.gov.

Please reference the job title and position number when submitting paper applications. Applications received without a job title or position number will be considered unsolicited and will not be reviewed. For a copy of the State Application, please visit http://team.georgia.gov/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/State_Application-Standard-3.3.15.pdf or contact the Georgia Department of Administrative Services, Human Resource Administration at (404) 656-2705.

The GDA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, age, disability, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law. All qualified applicants will be considered, but may not necessarily receive an interview. No notification will be sent to applicants except those who are selected for interviews. Due to the large volume of submissions received by this office, information concerning application and/or interview status cannot be provided.

**IF YOU NEED AN ACCOMMODATION FOR AN INTERVIEW,
PLEASE CONTACT THE PERSONNEL OFFICE AT (404) 656-3615.**